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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a European Search Report of a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,917,991;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,754,436;

- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,987,213;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,748,263; and
- (5) Japanese Document No. 11-283293.

The European Search Report is dated June 14, 2006. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese Document No. 11-283293 is found in the attached European Search Report and in the attached English Abstract thereof. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 6,754,436 corresponds to this Japanese document.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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